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Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002. The period to respond is extended by payment of the appropriate fee, provided herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-89, all the pending claims, are subject to a restriction requirement.

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of fifteen patentably distinct inventions for examination. The Office Action alleges that each of the inventions is distinct because, *inter alia*, "they are products which possess characteristic differences in structure and function and each has an independent utility that is distinct for each invention which cannot be exchanged." (Office Action at page 3).

Applicants provisionally elect herein Group I encompassing claims 1-33, "drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, vector, a host cell, a method for producing a polypeptide, and a composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1". Applicants elect for examination SEQ ID NO: 12.